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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Koichiro Hori et al.  
Serial No.: 08/994,537  
Filing Date: 12/19/97  
Title: Device-Steering Shaft Assembly And Endoscope  
Group Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner: P. Hirsch  
Attorney's Docket No.: OKTA-11

16 October, 1998

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT "A"

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed 27 July 1998, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Cancel claims 6, 10 and 21.

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**GROUP 2100**

Amend the original claims as follows:

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**(Amended)** An instrument for viewing a surgical site comprising  
a shaft having proximal and distal ends and an internal passageway;  
a support member attached to one of said proximal and distal ends of said  
shaft;  
camera mounting means pivotally attached to said support member;

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